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FOUNTAIN SQUARE GARAGE CLOSING DATE SCHEDULED

The City of Cincinnati will close the Fountain Square Garage on Sunday, October 9 at 7 p.m. so work on the demolition of the plaza can continue as part of the Fountain Square revitalization project.

The city, the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC), who is managing the square's renovation, and Downtown Cincinnati, Inc. have worked together to provide parking options for people who regularly park in the garage. The organizations have identified more than 2,000 reasonably-priced parking spaces near the garage.

These spaces are in 17 parking lots and garages within 1 to 4 blocks of Fountain Square that will offer up to 3 hours of parking for \$6 or less, thanks to a partnership of public and private parking lot owners. A map of these parking locations, marked by a "P" in a purple circle, can be found on the city's website at www.cincinnati-oh.gov, on 3CDC's website at www.downtowncincinnati.com. Maps are also available from parking attendants at the garage until it closes and from the Downtown Ambassadors (just look for the bright yellow shirts!). All City-owned lots remain \$1 for the first 2 hours.

Any cars left in the garage after 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 9 will be towed at the owner's expense. The garage will re-open when the Fountain Square project is completed in August 2006.

Although the garage is closed, customers will have clear access to all businesses around the Square, and these businesses will remain open throughout the project.